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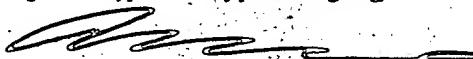
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PATENT APPLICATION ASSIGNMENT

PATENT APPLICATION ASSIGNMENT ("Assignment") effective the 27th day of June, 2001 by Safety Syringe Corporation, a corporation of the State of Utah and wholly owned subsidiary of Specialized Health Products International, Inc., having an office at 585 West 500 South; Bountiful, Utah 84010 ("SSC"), and Tyco Healthcare Group LP, a Delaware Partnership having an office at 15 Hampshire Street, Mansfield, Massachusetts 02048 ("Kendall").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, SSC and Kendall are parties to a certain Development and License Agreement dated March 29, 2001, as amended, (the "Agreement"), under which SSC agrees to sell, and Kendall agrees to purchase, certain patents, technology and know-how owned by SSC in the design, development and manufacture of safety syringe and blood collection products as described in the Agreement (the "Inventions"); and

WHEREAS, included among the Inventions to be purchased by Kendall is the entire right, title and interest in and to a patent application entitled, SAFETY SHIELD FOR MEDICAL NEEDLES, (the "Application").

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged by SSC, SSC hereby agrees as follows:

1. Definitions. Terms not otherwise defined in this Assignment shall have the same respective meanings ascribed to them in the Agreement.

2. Assignment.

(a) SSC hereby sells, assigns and transfers to Kendall, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, the entire right, title and interest for all countries, in and to any and all of the Inventions which are disclosed and claimed, and any and all of the Inventions which are disclosed but not claimed, in the Application, and in and to all United States and foreign patents issuing from the Application and all

divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue, and all other patents and applications for United States Letters Patent or other related property rights in any and all foreign countries which have been or shall be filed on any of the Inventions disclosed in the Application; and in and to all original and reissued patents or related foreign documents which have been or shall be issued on any such Inventions or improvements; and

(b) SSC authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents of the United States to issue to Kendall, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, in accordance with this Assignment, any and all United States Letters Patent on the Inventions or any of them disclosed in the Application; and

(c) SSC authorizes and agrees that Kendall may apply for and receive foreign Letters Patent or rights of any other kind for the Inventions, or any of them; and may claim, in applications for said foreign Letters Patent or other rights, the priority of the Application under the provisions of the International Convention of 1883 and later modifications thereof, under the Patent Cooperation Treaty, under the European Patent Convention or under any other available international agreement; and that, when requested, at the expense of Kendall, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, to carry out in good faith the intent and purpose of this Assignment, the undersigned or the undersigned's executors or administrators will, for the United States and all foreign countries, execute all divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue, and all other patent applications or other documents on any and all such Inventions; execute all rightful oaths, agreements, powers of attorney and other papers; communicate to Kendall, its successors, assigns and representatives, all facts known and documents available to the undersigned relating to said Inventions and the history thereof; testify in all legal proceedings, and generally do everything possible which Kendall, its successors, assigns or representatives shall consider desirable for aiding in securing, maintaining and enforcing proper patent protection for said Inventions and for vesting title to said Inventions and all applications for patents or

related foreign rights and all patents on such Inventions, in Kendall, its successors, assigns and legal representatives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, SSC has caused this Assignment to be executed as a sealed instrument as of the date below by its officer thereunto duly authorized.

SAFETY SYRINGE CORPORATION

By: Paul S. Evans
Name: Paul S. Evans
Title: Vice President
Date: June 27, 2001